

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9101–S9126

Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3376–3378, and S. Res. 477. **Page S9123**

Measures Reported:

H.R. 1192, to impose requirements on the payment of compensation to professional persons employed in voluntary cases commenced under title III of the Puerto Rico Oversight Management and Economic Stability Act (commonly known as “PROMESA”), with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 117–48)

S. 2502, to provide first-time, low-level, non-violent simple possession offenders an opportunity to expunge that conviction after successful completion of court-imposed probation. **Page S9123**

Measures Passed:

Methamphetamine Response Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 854, to designate methamphetamine as an emerging threat, and the bill was then passed. **Page S9125**

Supplemental Impact Aid Flexibility Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 2959, to provide that, due to disruptions caused by COVID–19, applications for impact aid funding for fiscal year 2023 may use certain data submitted in the fiscal year 2022 application, and the bill was then passed. **Page S9125**

Capitol Police Emergency Assistance Act: Senate passed S. 3377, to empower the Chief of the United States Capitol Police to unilaterally request the assistance of the DC National Guard or Federal law enforcement agencies in emergencies without prior approval of the Capitol Police Board. **Pages S9125–26**

Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 477, expressing support for the designation of September 2021 as “Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month” in order to educate communities across the United States about sickle cell dis-

ease and the need for research, early detection methods, effective treatments, and preventative care programs with respect to complications from sickle cell disease and conditions related to sickle cell disease. **Page S9126**

Elliott Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Samantha D. Elliott, of New Hampshire, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire. **Pages S9101–15**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, December 14, 2021; provided further that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination ripen at 11 a.m., and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, if cloture is invoked, all post-cloture time be considered expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader following consultation with the Republican Leader; and that following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1605, to designate the National Pulse Memorial located at 1912 South Orange Avenue in Orlando, Florida. **Page S9126**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 494), Lucy Haeran Koh, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit. **Page S9115**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Lael Brainard, of the District of Columbia, to be Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years.

Alina L. Romanowski, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq.

Constance J. Milstein, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta.

Margaret C. Whitman, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

3 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army. **Page S9126**

Messages from the House: **Pages S9122–23**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S9123**

Executive Communications: **Page S9123**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S9123–24**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S9124–25**

Additional Statements: **Page S9122**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S9125**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—494) **Page S9115**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:31 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 14, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9126.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 6245–6255; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 846–847, were introduced. **Pages H7642–43**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7643–44**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5665, to establish in the Department of State the Office to Monitor and Combat Islamophobia, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–215);

H.R. 2043, to amend title 5, United States Code, to require the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to establish and maintain a public directory of the individuals occupying Government policy and supporting positions, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 117–169, Part 1); and

Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Resolution Recommending that the House of Representatives find Mark Randall Meadows in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply with a Subpoena Duly Issued by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol (H. Rept. 117–216). **Page H7642**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Butterfield to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7641**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Michael Wilker, Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Washington, DC. **Page H7641**

Senate Referrals: S. 610 was held at the desk. S. 2938 was held at the desk. S. 3294 was held at the desk. **Page H7641**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7641.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: On Friday, December 10, 2021, Full Committee concluded a markup on H. Con. Res. 59, condemning the October 25, 2021, military coup in Sudan and standing with the people of Sudan; H.R. 6140, the “Sudan Democracy Act”; H.R. 5665, the “Combating International Islamophobia Act”; H.R. 6089, the “Stop Iranian Drones Act”; H.R. 3988, the “Mental Health in International Development and Humanitarian Settings Act”; H. Res. 376, condemning Turkey for its occupation of Cyprus and encouraging President Biden to make the resolution of the Cyprus problem a top foreign policy priority; and H. Res. 831, calling on the United States Government to uphold the founding democratic principles of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and establish a Center for Democratic Resilience within the headquarters of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. H. Con. Res. 59, H.R. 6140, H.R. 6089, and H.R. 3988 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 5655, H.

Res. 376, and H. Res. 831 were ordered reported, as amended.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee To Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol: Full Committee held a business meeting on a report recommending that the House of Representatives cite Mark Randall Meadows for criminal contempt of Congress and refer him to the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for prosecution under 2 U.S.C. §§ 192, 194. Report recommending that the House of Representatives cite Mark Randall Meadows for criminal contempt of Congress was approved.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine stablecoins, focusing on how they work, how they are used, and their risks, 10:15 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Donald Armin Blome, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Eric M. Garcetti, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India, and Amy Gutmann, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-106/VTC.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, and Michele Taylor, of Georgia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Representative to the UN Human Rights Council, both of the Department of State, Alice P. Albright, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Oren E. Whyche-Shaw, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank, Enoch T. Ebong, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency, Leopoldo Martinez Nucete, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, Maria Fabiana Jorge, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, and other pending nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50/VTC.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert McKinnon Califf, of North Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

House

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis, hearing entitled “A Global Crisis Needs a Global Solution: The Urgent Need to Accelerate Vaccinations Around the World”, 2 p.m., Zoom.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 5665, the “Combating International Islamophobia Act”; and a Resolution Recommending that the House of Representatives Find Mark Randall Meadows in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply with a Subpoena Duly Issued by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol, 9 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 13 through December 17,
2021

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Samantha D. Elliott, of New Hampshire, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11 a.m., to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1605, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022.

Following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1605, Senate is expected to vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of a joint resolution to raise the debt limit.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: December 14, to hold hearings to examine stablecoins, focusing on how they work, how they are used, and their risks, 10:15 a.m., SD-538.

December 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine disaster recovery assistance, focusing on authorization of the Community Development Block Grant—Disaster Recovery Program, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: December 15, business meeting to consider S. 46, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000 and to establish the United States Coral Reef Task Force, S. 3196, to enhance the policies, procedures, and training for midshipmen at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, an original bill entitled, “Omnibus Tourism Act”, S. 3309, to require SelectUSA to coordinate with State-level economic development organizations to increase foreign direct investment in semiconductor-related manufacturing and production, the nominations of Alan

Davidson, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, Jed David Kolko, of California, to be Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, and Viquar Ahmad, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary, and to be Chief Financial Officer, all of the Department of Commerce, and Mary T. Boyle, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, 10 a.m., SR-253.

December 15, Full Committee, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the U.S. airline industry, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

December 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Ann Claire Phillips, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, Steven Scott Cliff, of California, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and John Edward Putnam, of Colorado, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: December 14, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Donald Armin Blome, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Eric M. Garcetti, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of India, and Amy Gutmann, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-106/VTC.

December 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, and Michele Taylor, of Georgia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Representative to the UN Human Rights Council, both of the Department of State, Alice P. Albright, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Oren E. Whyche-Shaw, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank, Enoch T. Ebong, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency, Leopoldo Martinez Nucete, of Virginia, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, Maria Fabiana Jorge, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, and other pending nominations, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50/VTC.

December 15, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Marc R. Stanley, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic, Rashad Hussain, of Virginia, to be Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, Ramin Toloui, of Iowa, to be an Assistant Secretary (Economic and Business Affairs), Thomas Barrett, of Wisconsin, to be Ambassador to the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Erik D. Ramanathan, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden, Scott Miller, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Liechtenstein, and Jamie L. Harpootlian, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia, all of the Department of State, Adriana Debora Kugler, of Maryland, to be United States

Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-106.

December 15, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 3:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: December 14, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert McKinnon Califf, of North Carolina, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: December 15, business meeting to consider S. 3099, to amend title 44, United States Code, to establish the Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program within the General Services Administration, S. 2932, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 430 South Knowles Avenue in New Richmond, Wisconsin, as the "Captain Robert C. Harmon and Private John R. Peirson Post Office Building", H.R. 767, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 40 Fulton Street in Middletown, New York, as the "Benjamin A. Gilman Post Office Building", H.R. 1170, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 League in Irvine, California, as the "Tuskegee Airman Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. Friend Memorial Post Office Building", H.R. 1444, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 132 North Loudoun Street, Suite 1 in Winchester, Virginia, as the "Patsy Cline Post Office", H.R. 3210, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1905 15th Street in Boulder, Colorado, as the "Officer Eric H. Talley Post Office Building", and the nominations of Loren L. AliKhan, and John P. Howard III, both to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and Adrienne Jennings Noti, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 11:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: December 15, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

December 15, Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine the impact of consolidation and monopoly power on American innovation, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

December 16, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Bridget Meehan Brennan, Charles Esque Fleming, and David Augustin Ruiz, each to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio, John H. Chun, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, and Katherine Vidal, of California, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, 9 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: December 15, business meeting to consider S. 731, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the management of information technology projects and investments of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1607, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve how the Department of Veterans Affairs discloses to individuals entitled to educational assistance from the Department risks associated with using

such assistance at particular educational institutions and to restore entitlement of students to such assistance who are pursuing programs of education at educational institutions that are subject to Federal or State civil enforcement action, S. 1664, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to take certain actions to improve the processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs of claims for disability compensation for post-traumatic stress disorder, S. 1850, to preserve the memorials to chaplains at Arlington National Cemetery, S. 1936, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for extensions of the time limitations for use of entitlement under Department of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs by reason of school closures due to emergency and other situations, S. 1944, to improve Vet Centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2089, to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that grants provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for State veterans' cemeteries do not restrict States from authorizing the interment of certain deceased members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces in such cemeteries, S. 2431, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to require the employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs to receive training developed by the Inspector General of the Department on reporting wrongdoing to, responding to requests from, and cooperating with the Office of Inspector General, S. 2513, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the application and review process of the Department of Veterans Affairs for clothing allowance claims submitted by veterans, S. 2514, to rename the Provo Veterans Center in Orem, Utah, as the "Col. Gail S. Halvorsen 'Candy Bomber' Veterans Center", S. 2533, to improve mammography services furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2624, to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2022, S. 2627, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve assistance for veterans with travel necessary for counseling, mental health services, health care, and others services furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2644, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to members of the National Guard who perform certain full-time duty, S. 2687, to provide the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs testimonial subpoena authority, S. 2720, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national clinical pathway for prostate cancer, S. 2761, to amend title 38, United

States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to maintain demographic information regarding veterans and publish such information on a website of the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2787, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the role of doctors of podiatric medicine in the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 2794, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase automatic maximum coverage under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program and the Veterans' Group Life Insurance program, S. 2852, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts and agreements for the payment of care in non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently, S. 3025, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand health care and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs for military sexual trauma, S. 3094, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve homeless veterans reintegration programs, S. 3163, to improve access to medical examinations required by veterans to obtain disability compensation or pension under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, S. 3293, to expand access of veterans to mental health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs, an original bill entitled, "Veterans Benefits Improvement Act", and the nomination of Kurt D. DelBene, of Washington, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Information and Technology), 3 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: December 15, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SVC-217.

HOUSE COMMITTEES

Committee on House Administration, December 16, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Smithsonian Institution: Protecting Smithsonian Facilities and Collections Against Climate Change", 12:30 p.m., Webex.

December 17, Subcommittee on Elections, hearing entitled "Member Day", 9 a.m., Webex.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: December 16, to receive a briefing on defending Ukraine and deterring Putin, 10 a.m., VTC.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, December 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Samantha D. Elliott, of New Hampshire, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11 a.m., to be followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1605, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022.

Following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 1605, Senate is expected to vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of a joint resolution to raise the debt limit.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Tuesday, December 14

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: To be announced.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

HOUSE

Baird, James R., Ind., E1358
Barragán, Nanette Diaz, Calif., E1357
Cole, Tom, Okla., E1359
Courtney, Joe, Conn., E1359

Crow, Jason, Col., E1358
Hartzler, Vicky, Mo., E1358
Herrera Beutler, Jaime, Wash., E1357
Jacobs, Chris, N.Y., E1358
Lee, Barbara, Calif., E1358
Murphy, Stephanie N., Fla., E1358

Norton, Eleanor Holmes, The District of Columbia, E1357
Ryan, Tim, Ohio, E1357
Welch, Peter, Vt., E1358



Congressional Record

printed pursuant to directions of the Joint Committee on Printing as authorized by appropriate provisions of Title 44, United States Code, and published for each day that one or both Houses are in session, excepting very infrequent instances when two or more unusually small consecutive issues are printed one time. ¶Public access to the *Congressional Record* is available online through the U.S. Government Publishing Office, at www.govinfo.gov, free of charge to the user. The information is updated online each day the *Congressional Record* is published. For more information, contact the GPO Customer Contact Center, U.S. Government Publishing Office. Phone 202-512-1800, or 866-512-1800 (toll-free). E-Mail, contactcenter@gpo.gov. ¶To place an order for any of these products, visit the U.S. Government Online Bookstore at: bookstore.gpo.gov. Mail orders to: Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 979050, St. Louis, MO 63197-9000, or phone orders to 866-512-1800 (toll-free), 202-512-1800 (D.C. area), or fax to 202-512-2104. Remit check or money order, made payable to the Superintendent of Documents, or use VISA, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, or GPO Deposit Account. ¶Following each session of Congress, the daily *Congressional Record* is revised, printed, permanently bound and sold by the Superintendent of Documents in individual parts or by sets. ¶With the exception of copyrighted articles, there are no restrictions on the republication of material from the *Congressional Record*.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the Superintendent of Documents, *Congressional Record*, U.S. Government Publishing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, along with the entire mailing label from the last issue received.

The *Congressional Record* (USPS 087-390). The Periodicals postage is paid at Washington, D.C. The public proceedings of each House of Congress, as reported by the Official Reporters thereof, are